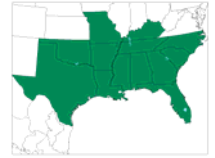


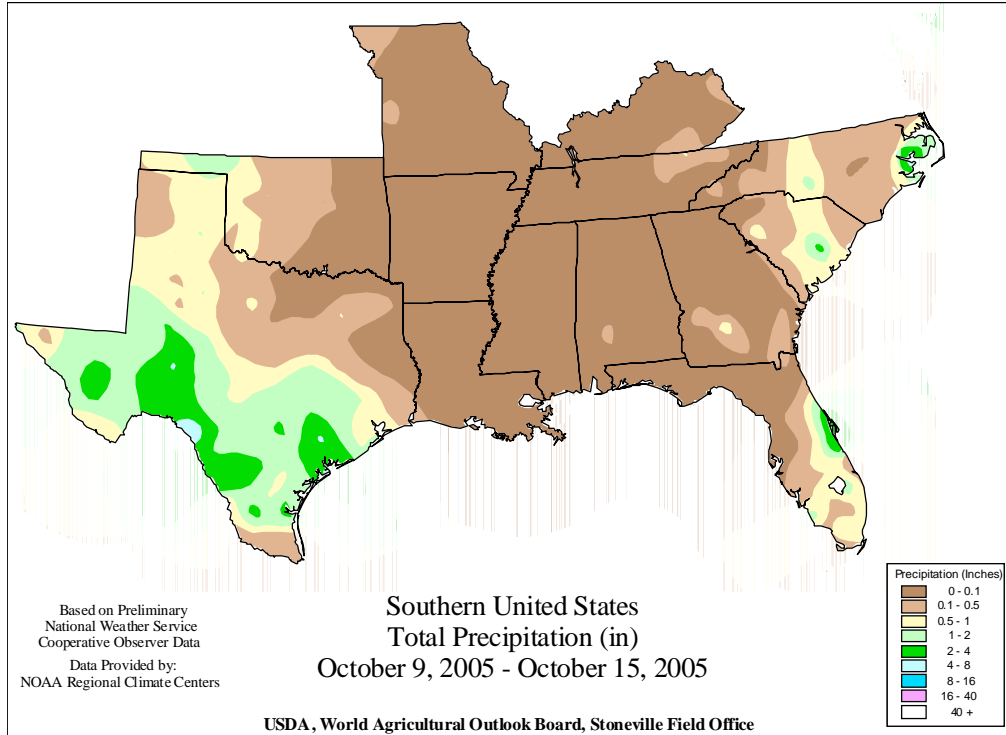


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## WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL WEATHER REPORT

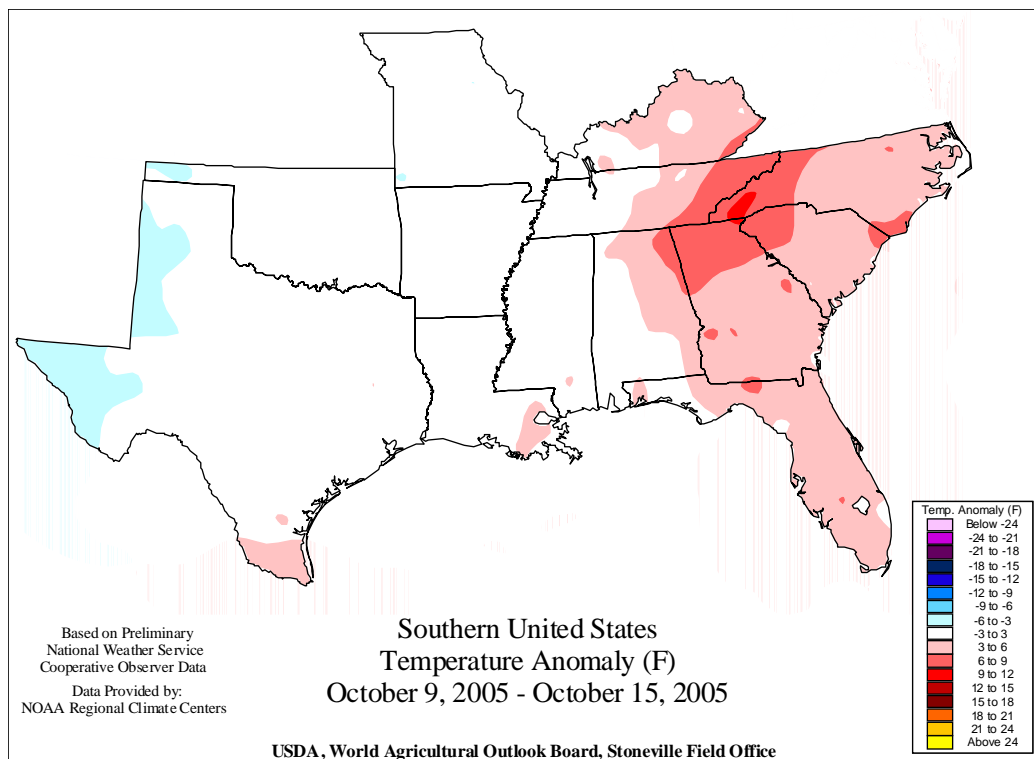
**October 9 to 15, 2005**



### Weather Highlights

The largest area of wet weather was confined to Texas, with a few scattered showers noted along the East Coast. Some rainfall occurred in the same parts of Texas as last week, with the greatest amounts reported in the southwest region, up to 8 inches. Areas of low pressure that affected the Atlantic coastline produced spotty rainfall (.50 to 4 inches) during the week.

Weekly temperatures were also similar to the pattern of last week, with a few exceptions. Once again, most areas that experienced above-normal temperatures during the week were located east of the Mississippi River, averaging 3 to 6 degrees F or more above normal. The warmest weather occurred along the Appalachian chain, with weekly temperatures averaging as high as 12 degrees F above normal. Most other regions were near normal, except for western areas in Oklahoma and Texas, where temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees F below normal, mainly due to existent cloud cover and the influence of a cold front.



For the second week in a row, a tranquil weather pattern prevailed in the Mississippi Delta. The sunny, dry weather continued to aid final harvesting efforts as temperatures neared normal. The ideal conditions also helped field preparations, such as tilling and burndown, and transporting cotton modules to the gin. However, the low humidities continued to pose a concern for fire risk.

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## Agricultural Summary

United States Crop Progress Report*					
Week Ending					
		October 16, 2005	October 9, 2005	October 16, 2004	2000-2004 Average
		Percent			
<b>Cotton</b>	<b>Bolls Opening</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>91</b>
	<b>Harvested</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>Percent (Good to Excellent)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Corn</b>	<b>Harvested</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>
	<b>Percent (Good to Excellent)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Rice</b>	<b>Harvested</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Soybeans</b>	<b>Harvested</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>67</b>
*Source: USDA/National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)					
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### **Cotton:**

Bolls were open on 90 percent of the acreage nationally, compared with 84 percent last year and 91 percent for the 5-year average. Thirty-six percent of the crop had been harvested, 2 points ahead of last year and 2 points behind the 5-year average. Louisiana advanced 16 points and led all the southern states' harvesting progress, having 89 percent of their crop harvested, 18 points ahead of their 5-year average and 36 points ahead of last year. Harvest progressed 22 points in Mississippi (74 percent harvested), 23 points in Arkansas (73 percent harvested), and 28 points in Missouri (67 percent harvested) as ideal harvest weather prevailed through many of the southern states. Nationally, crop conditions declined 2 percentage points from the previous week to 58 percent of the crop rated good to excellent.

### **Corn:**

Forty-nine percent of the nation's crop had been harvested, 6 points ahead of last year and 1 point ahead of the 5-year average. Harvest was complete or neared completion in all of the southern states. Missouri was the furthest from completion at 84 percent harvested, 2 points ahead of their 5-year average. Nationally, crop acreage rated good to excellent improved 1 point from the previous week to 57 percent.

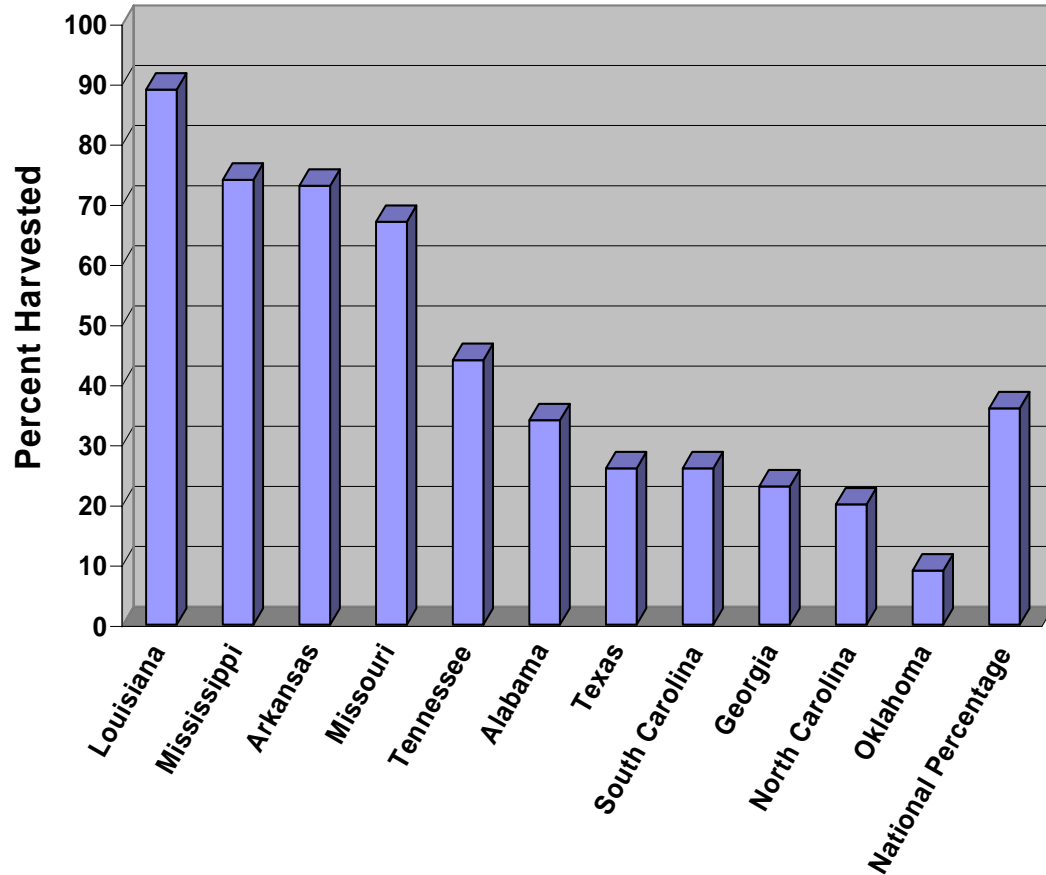
### **Rice:**

Nationally, 93 percent of the acreage had been harvested, 2 points behind last year and 1 point ahead of the 5-year average pace. Harvest was complete or neared completion in all of the southern states. Missouri's harvest progress was 92 percent complete and lagged the other southern states.

### **Soybeans:**

Nationally, 76 percent of the soybean acres had been harvested, 7 points ahead of last year and 9 points ahead of the 5-year average pace. Progress was most advanced in Mississippi where 95 percent had been harvested. Harvest progress in South Carolina lagged all southern states, with 3 percent having been harvested.

## 2005 Cotton Harvest Progress Week Ending October 16, 2005



### Cotton Harvest Progress:

Louisiana led all southern states with 89 percent of their crop harvested, followed by Mississippi with 74 percent, Arkansas with 73 percent, and Missouri with 67 percent. Of the southern states, Oklahoma trailed all southern states with 9 percent harvested. North Carolina had 20 percent, and Georgia had 23 percent harvested. Texas and South Carolina both had 26 percent harvested.

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